Reply to Office action dated October 27, 2003

<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1 and 4-13 remain in the application.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Gokimoto et al.

(USPN 4,484,776), Gokimoto et al. (USPN 4,627,656).

However, claims 3-13 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form

including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of allowable

claim 3. The dependency of claims 4-13 has also been amended to properly depend from

preceding claims. Therefore, each of the remaining claims 1 and 4-13 should be in immediate

condition for allowance.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in condition for more favorable

consideration and allowance.

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